

Amendments to the Specification:

Please amend the second paragraph on page 24 as follows:

The SAM present in the culture supernatant was quantified by means of HPLC using a Develosil® RP-Aqueous C 30 column, 5 mm, 250 * 4.6 mm (commercially available from Phenomenex, Aschaffenburg, Germany). 10 mL of culture supernatant were applied and fractionated by means of isocratic elution with an eluent of 3 ml of 85% strength H_3PO_4 per 1 l of H_2O at room temperature and a flow rate of 0.5 ml/min and quantified by means of a diode array detector at a wavelength of 260 nm. Table 1 shows the SAM contents obtained in the particular culture supernatant.